

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 08/847,561  
APPLICATION FILED: 04/24/97  
APPLICANT: Martin O. Grimes, Jr.  
TITLE: Method and Apparatus for Surfing on Artificial Surfaces  
EXAMINER/GAU: Kien T. Nguyen./3711



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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

**NOT ENTERED**

This is a response to the Office Action mailed January 28, 1998, having a response date April 28, 1998. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Applicant requests that a substitute specification be accepted. A marked up copy of the original specification with additions and deletions is attached to the substitute specification. The substitute specification contains no new matter and the substitute specification includes the same changes as indicated in the marked-up copy of the original specification.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel all claims of record and substitute new claims 14-24 as follows:

14. A method for surfslide comprising the steps of:

- NE - not double-spaced
- (a) fixing an open pipe ramp system having a top and a bottom and an inner side and outer side in relation to the ground;
  - (b) disposing a friction control surface with the ability to retain a lubricating substance on said inner side of said ramp system;
  - (c) lubricating said friction control surface of said inner side of said ramp system;
  - (d) providing for an upwardly opening cross section substantially wide to enable a user to control speed and movement in said ramp system and a downward and forward slope from said top to said bottom;
  - (e) entering means at said top of said ramp system whereby a user or a conveyance carrying a user enters, travels on said ramp system downwardly over said friction control surface, the users skills are employed to control direction, speed, and vertical ability while traveling downwardly on said ramp system until the user exits said ramp system at said bottom of said ramp system; and
  - (f) providing a drain system

15. A surfslide apparatus comprising:

- (a) a fixed open pipe ramp system having a top and a bottom and having an inner side and outer side;
- (b) a friction control surface with the ability to retain a lubricating substance disposed on said inner side of said ramp system;